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snow, which insures sufficient water for thousands of acres of grain and lucern. If the bonding Bill for Irrigation districts is passed by the present Legislature, it will help these kind of enterprises very much. Pine valley and Kaleb mountains are also very heavily coated with snow, the most in many years.

Our ranges are beginning to look green, and prospects are that there will be plenty of feed for all kinds of stock for some time. The Virgin River Stockmens' Association, have within the last few days contracted their steers, and the price is considered good, viz: yearlings \$15.50, two-year-olds \$21.00, three-year-olds and up \$26.00, June delivery. This will bring some \$30,000.00 to the members of the Virgin River Association.

Our prospects are for all kinds of field crops are good, and indications

are that we will have a good crop of fruit. Of course we may have some frosts yet, but we hope they will not seriously effect our crops. Almonds and apricots are in bloom, and altogether present a very beautiful aspect.

Several parties of railroad men have been here of late to investigate the possibilities of this country, and much encouragement has been given the people for a railroad. Should such a thing materialize, fruit lands in this section will become very valuable, because of the fine quality of its products. The Elberta peach is raised here in all its glory as to color, size and flavor, and also the choicest of grapes, etc. The people are very busy just now planting out orchards and vineyards, the principle variety being the Elberta peach and the Muscat and Thompson Seedless grapes. A number of fruit growers' meetings have been held, which were interesting and well attended.

I congratulate you on the success attending your Farmers' Institute train, and I can fully realize the great amount of good accomplished in this

work. I was very much pleased to note the increased appropriation for the Farmers' Institute work. That is a move in the right direction. Interest and educate the farmers and the result will be a general advance for the uplifting of farm life, and others seeing their prosperity and comforts will want to do likewise.

A COMPARISON.

As indicative of the growth made by the Agricultural College in the estimation of the people of the state, we desire to call attention to the splendid appropriation made that Institution during the session of the Legislature just adjourned. Two years ago, the College received for all purposes some \$90,000. This year the Institution received \$163,300. For arid farming, the College received two years ago, \$10,000, and the same amount was given by the last Legislature. The appropriation for Irrigation investigations was increased from \$5,000, for the biennium to \$7,500; for Farmers' Institute work, the College received two years ago,

\$3,000, and during the next year it will receive \$10,000. For the support and maintenance of the Central Experiment Farm at Lehi, and the Southern Experimental farm at St. George, no appropriation was made two years ago, and the last Legislature appropriated \$11,000 for this purpose. In other words the College received some \$93,800 more appropriation this year than they received two years ago.

This increased appropriation means a corresponding increase in responsibility of the administration officers of the College but we do not have the slightest hesitation in saying that the work that will be accomplished will be commensurate with the splendid increase in appropriation.

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